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GREEN ENERGY TO BE THE FOCUS OF NEW U.S. SCIENCE FELLOW

U.S. Science Fellow Dr. Patrick Meyer arrived in Malaysia on January 2 to begin a three-month fellowship with Malaysian Green Technology Corporation (GreenTech Malaysia), the implementing arm for the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water (KeTTHA). Dr. Meyer will focus on assisting with the development of Malaysia's Green Technology Master Plan. Dr. Meyer is the second U.S. Embassy Science Fellow to work in Malaysia, underscoring the United States Government's commitment to advancing cooperation between Malaysia and the United States on science and technology issues that will create a better future for both countries.

"The Embassy welcomes Dr. Meyer to Malaysia," said U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia Joseph Y. Yun. "Dr. Meyer's collaboration with his Malaysian counterparts will advance and strengthen Malaysia-U.S. scientific cooperation, and is an example of the important partnership between our two countries to combat the effects of climate change. Dr. Meyer's work is closely aligned with President Obama's Climate Change Action Plan, which calls on the United States to lead a global movement to reduce emissions, cut energy waste, and expand clean energy alternatives. Dr. Meyer's work with GreenTech Malaysia will assist Malaysia to fully realize its goal of becoming a center for green economy."

Dr. Meyer specializes in energy efficiency and energy policy at the Bureau of Energy Resources within the U.S. Department of State. He focuses on driving investment and

facilitating progress in renewable energy to enable sustainable development, particularly through energy efficiency.

While in Malaysia, Dr. Meyer will work on a program to review policy and economic scenarios established by GreenTech Malaysia, the Malaysian-Industry Group for High Technology (MIGHT), and KeTTHA and assist in the development of Malaysia's master plan for nurturing and realizing a green economy.

His fellowship with GreenTech Malaysia will include participation in local programs, especially in the areas of energy solutions, scenario development, while boosting cooperation with Malaysia pursuant to the U.S.-Asia Pacific Comprehensive Energy Partnership (USACEP). USACEP's goals align closely with those of the Malaysian government's Cleantech Accelerator Program for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

Ir. Ahmad Hadri Haris, CEO of GreenTech Malaysia, said "We are very proud to be able to host and work with Dr Meyer in the formulation of Malaysia's Green Technology Master Plan. His considerable expertise and experience will greatly assist our efforts, which aim to unlock the tremendous socio-economic potential offered in embracing a green economy."

"The Malaysia-U.S. scientific corporation program and Dr Meyer's participation in enhancing our Master Plan will certainly strengthen our capacities as well as offer Malaysia an excellent opportunity to share our successes and encourage American companies to choose Malaysia as a preferred destination for green energy and green technology investments within the region," he added.

About GreenTech Malaysia

Malaysian Green Technology Corporation, or GreenTech Malaysia, is a not-for-profit organization under the purview of KeTTHA, charged with the development and promotion of green technology as a strategic engine for socio-economic growth in Malaysia.

About the Embassy Science Fellows Program

The State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation oversees the Embassy Science Fellows program. The program supports collaborative projects between the U.S. and host countries with the goal of strengthening cooperation on science and technology activities.



Dr. Patrick E. Meyer
Biography

Dr. Patrick Meyer currently serves as the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Adviser at the Department of State's Bureau of Energy Resources.

Prior to joining the Department of State, Dr. Meyer worked on Capitol Hill as a Congressional Energy Policy Fellow in the Office of U.S. Congressman Jay Inslee where he designed public policies to incentivize bioenergy, wind, and hydropower development. He also authored legislation to promote environmentally conscious education in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Dr. Meyer holds a Ph.D. in Energy and Environmental Policy from the University of Delaware and an M.S. in Science, Technology and Public Policy and a B.S. in Public Policy from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Dr. Meyer is a fellow at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and has completed two energy efficiency fellowships under the AAAS program. Dr. Meyer has significant fieldwork experience on energy issues across the Asian region including in Burma, China, Hong Kong, India, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, as well as around the world in Algeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, and UAE. Dr. Meyer plays a key advisory role in leading the Department of State's bilateral and multilateral energy efficiency engagements around the globe including the U.S.-Asia Pacific Comprehensive Energy Partnership (USACEP), the Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI), U.S.-Algeria Strategic Dialogue, the United Nations' Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, and U.S.-China Ten Year Framework for Energy and Environment.